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What is claimed is:

1. A method for distributing content, comprising:
transmitting content in a streaming content format;
receiving a request to store a particular piece of the content; and
delivering said particular piece of the content in an archival format to a storage media of a user when request to store said particular piece of the content is received;
wherein said streaming content format prevents storage of the content;
wherein said archival format allows storage of the content; and
wherein said request and delivering of the particular piece of the content in said archival format occurs in real-time of transmission of the content in said streaming content format.
2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said streaming content format is copy protected.
3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said archival format is copy protected.
4. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising authorizing a payment for said request to store said particular piece of the content.
5. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein authorizing said payment for said request includes debiting a charge against a prepayment for the content.

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6. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content transmitted in said streaming content format is in conformity with a list of preferences of said user.

7. A system for distributing content, comprising:
means for transmitting content in a streaming content format;
means for receiving a request to store a particular piece of the content; and
means for delivering said particular piece of content in an archival format to a storage media of a user when said request to store said particular piece of the content is received;
wherein said streaming content format prevents storage of the content;
wherein said archival format allows storage of the content; and
wherein said request and delivery of said particular piece of the content in said archival format occurs in real-time of transmission of content in said streaming content format.
8. The system as claimed in claim 7, wherein said streaming content format is copy protected.
9. The system as claimed in claim 7, wherein said archival format is copy protected.
10. The system as claimed in claim 7, further comprising means for authorizing a payment for said request to store said particular piece of the content.
11. The system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the content transmitted in said streaming content format is in conformity with a list of preferences of said user.

12. A method for distributing content, comprising:
retrieving a list of preferences of a particular user;
transmitting content in conformity with said list of preferences in a streaming content
format to said particular user;
receiving a request to store a particular piece of the content; and
delivering the particular piece of content in an archival format to a storage media of said
particular user when said request to store said particular piece of the content is
received;
wherein said streaming content format prevents storage of the content;
wherein said archival format allows storage of the content; and
wherein said request and delivering of the particular piece of the content in said archival
format occurs in real-time of transmission of the content in said streaming content
format.

13. The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said streaming content format
is copy protected.

14. The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said archival format is copy
protected.

15. The method as claimed in claim 12, further comprising authorizing a
payment for said request to store said particular piece of the content.

16. The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein authorizing said payment for
said request includes debiting a charge against a prepayment for the content.

17. The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said particular piece of
the content is a song.

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18. The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said archival format includes MP3 format.